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SHANK REAL SANTA TO GIRL ARRESTED FOR STORE THEFT

Gives Child \$5 After Her Release—Christmas Spirit Saves Woman "Tiger" Operator.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Mayor Shank doesn't resemble Santa Claus. For one thing, he has no whiskers and then he wears a cigar—but he surely looked like the children's patron saint to one girl, 16 years old, who was arrested for shoplifting. Her name was withheld by the police. She took a barrette from a downtown department store

and two policemen saw her take it. The girl tearfully admitted that a feminine love of finery, which she was unable to purchase, caused her to take the pin, but pleaded with the officers to let her off. The policeman investigated and found that she is the eldest of seven children. The mother is dead and she does the housework and cares for her younger brothers and sisters.

Mayor Shank waded into the office of the detective bureau while she was telling her story. He told the officers to let her go with a warning, and as she left he handed her a \$5 bill with instructions to buy herself a Christmas present.

The spirit of Christmas must have grinned a very human grin a second time when Lieut. John Corrigan acted as his envoy extraordinary at the home of George and Ada Gibb, 1191 South Capitol ave.

Officers visited the home in search

for a "blind tiger," and they found it but no arrest was made. These are the conditions in the Gibb home; George Gibb is doing time on the state farm for keeping a "blind tiger." Mrs. Gibb is endeavoring to support herself and her two children. The home is almost destitute of food and Mrs. Gibb and the children do not have any too much warm clothing.

The officers found two barrels of whisky mash and two copper boilers such as are used in making whisky stills. Lieut. Corrigan ordered his squad to take a sample of the mash to the city chemist to see if it contains more than the legal percentage of alcohol.

"I'm not going to arrest that woman as long as she has those kids on her hands," said he. "If that mash tests more than a half of 1 per cent of alcohol, I'll arrest her, but not until some charitable organization agrees to take care of the children."

12,937 Wards Are in 20 State Institutions

INDIANA STATE CAPITOL, Dec. 24.—Indiana's 20 state charitable and correctional institutions, under the supervision of the board of state charities, have 12,937 wards, according to a report of Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board. The institutions began the fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, with 12,529 inmates and received 7,288 new wards during the year, making a total number of 19,817 under care for the period. During the year 6,889 were discharged. All of the state institutions reported an increase, with the exception of the soldiers' home, Indiana girls' school, and Indiana boys' school. The average daily attendance for the year was 894 greater than it was during the preceding year.

SELL NO MISTLETOE—WARSAW, Ind., Dec. 24.—No mistletoe has been placed on sale in Warsaw this year, retailers reporting that wholesalers have been unable to fill orders.

CHILDREN ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Indianapolis Provides for Poor Children—Entertain in Fire Stations.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Christmas carols, big illuminated Christmas trees surrounded by candy, nuts, fruits, gifts of wearing apparel, etc., and generous entertainers of many kinds brought joy and an understanding of the Yuletide spirit to hundreds of poor children in Indianapolis last evening.

Entertainments were held in 32 fire stations, including headquarters. After the children had gathered at each station, Santa Claus made his appearance, sliding down the brass pole. Entertainers hurried in automobiles from station to station, providing programs for the youngsters.

Nearly 250 children were entertained at a Christmas party at the Edwin Ray Methodist church this

afternoon under the auspices of the social and social service sections of the Indianapolis district of the Epworth league. Children in the neighborhood of Thirty-eighth st. and Keystone av. were visited by Santa Claus at a local drug store, each receiving a half pound of candy.

The social service department of the city dispensary provided cheer for about 400 children who are or have been patients at the dispensary. Santa Claus presented each child with a present, candy, nuts and fruit.

Santa Must Be Kind to Wife to "Square" Hubby

LEESBURG, Ind., Dec. 23.—When Mrs. Warren Powell left for Chicago a few days ago to visit relatives she

instructed her husband, a substitute rural mail carrier, to be sure and water the flowers and feed the dog. When she arrived home tomorrow she will find the flowers all frozen down and the dog howling missing. Pido escaped today by jumping through a window after the furnace fire had gone out.

Powell is placing his hopes in Santa Claus.

Mrs. Storick Will Dine On Goose Christmas Day

DOWAGIAC, Mich., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Maud Gushing Storick, who in February will be the principal in the first murder trial growing out of the numerous violent deaths of the past two years, will dine on roast goose today at the county jail in Cassopolis.

Sheriff Sherman Wyman will prepare special dinners for the six prisoners who will spend Christmas in the Cass county jail.

Holiday delicacies will also be furnished Mrs. Storick by her husband, Emory Storick of Kalamazoo, and friends of the woman. Sheriff Wyman plans to make the day as comfortable for the prisoner as it can be made in jail.

Ft. Wayne Youth, Hit By Street Car, Dies

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Raymond Bender, 12 years old, son of Albert G. Bender, died in the St. Joseph's hospital, three hours after he was struck by a street car at Bowser av. and Pontiac st. He was crushed about the abdomen and cut and bruised on the face and head.

The lad was riding on a coasting sled hooked onto the rear of an automobile when he was injured. As the automobile turned to the west off of Bowser av. the sled swung and skidded into the car tracks directly in front of an approaching street car operated by Motorman C. L. Eary.

Driver Seriously Hurt When Train Hits Truck

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 24.—Walter Quirk, 25 years old, of Swanton, as in a hospital here in a serious condition with injuries suffered when a west-bound Big Four passenger train struck a truck that he was driving. The accident occurred at the first crossing south of Tipton.

Quirk did not see the approaching train in time to avoid the accident. The truck was demolished. Quirk suffered severe internal injuries, bruises about the head and his right ankle was so badly crushed that he may be crippled for life. Quirk was enroute to Indianapolis.

K. K. R. Cigars not named for a secret society, but after a famous Yale club. All dealers two for 15c. Adv.—225-14.

Full Fashioned Pure Silk
HOSE \$1.59
\$2.00 Value
Black Only

Ward's
before inventory to reduce a large stock of better merchandise; we offer

all
FUR COATS 1/3 off
and
FUR PIECES 1/3 off

After-Christmas Reduction Sale

SUITS

Absolutely every suit in our store is reduced to half price and in many cases the reduction is even greater—

any suit worth up to \$40.00	\$19.90
any suit worth up to \$60.00	\$29.90
any suit worth up to \$80.00	\$34.90
any suit worth up to \$95.00	\$39.90
any suit worth up to \$125.00	\$44.90

COATS

Our stock of cloth and plush coats one of the largest and best in the city has suffered almost unbelievable reductions—

any coat worth up to \$35.00	\$19.90
any coat worth up to \$40.00	\$29.90
any coat worth up to \$50.00	\$39.90
any coat worth up to \$80.00	\$59.90
all higher priced coats	1/4 Off

DRESSES

This is a most opportune time to select a dress or several dresses as the values at these low prices are marvellous—

any dress worth up to \$25.00	\$17.90
any dress worth up to \$35.00	\$24.90
any dress worth up to \$50.00	\$34.90
any dress worth up to \$65.00	\$47.90
all higher priced dresses	1/3 Off

Special

Fur Collared Sport Coats

worth up to \$35.00 sale price

\$19.90

BLOUSES



The values we are offering in all of our Blouses will astound you. We have placed about 100 Blouses, whose values are from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in a special group to sell at

\$3.95

All colors, styles, materials, sizes.

Another group of 150 Blouses, beautiful Crepe de Chenes, Over-Blouses and Waists in all colors. Remarkable \$8.00 to \$12.00 values that will surprise you at the price of

\$4.95

SWEATERS



A variety of styles in Slip-Over Sweaters that formerly sold at \$3.95 and \$4.95, marked for quick clearance at

\$2.95

Wool Tuxedos

In many weaves and colors. Black, Brown, Navy, etc. Worth up to \$8.95, now

\$4.95

Early selection is advisable

Silk Underwear

All combinations, Vests, Camisoles, Gowns, Garters, Union Suits, etc. 1/4 off

MILLINERY

All Velvet Hats on our main floor reduced to \$3.95 Values to \$15.00.

HOSIERY

Glove Silk Hose, in a variety of patterns, worth \$3.00 \$2.25
Full Fashioned Pure Thread Silk Hose, all sizes, black only. \$1.59

PURSES

Vanity Boxes in three sizes, marked at \$1.00, \$1.49 \$2.95

Special

any party or evening Dress in the Store

1/2 price

BARGAIN BASEMENT

CHILD'S MITTENS—of fine wool, in all colors and sizes.

15c pair 2 for 25c

HOSE—of heavy Mercerized Lisle, ribbed, black and brown; pair 59c

CHILDS SWEATERS—of Wool, ages 3 to 10, all colors, at \$1.19

BLOUSES—a variety of styles and colors in Crepe de Chine at \$1.95

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HOSE—of Wool, in brown and heathers, pair 59c

CAMISOLES—plain and changeable colors, heavy satin, \$1.50 values, 98c

SWEATERS—Slip-Overs in Wool, formerly \$2.50 and \$3, sale price \$1.98

HATS—late styles of satin, \$2.95 and \$3.95

BARGAIN BASEMENT

MIDDIES—of heavy Serge and Jean Cloth, navy and colors \$1.19

BRASSIERS—of heavy Coutil, fancy patterns 39c

CORSETS—worth \$1.50, all sizes 89c

BLOUSES—of cotton, all styles, white and colors 98c

DRESSES

(In the Bargain Basement)

100 smart Canton Crepe, Poiret Twill and Satin Dresses at **\$9.90**

SPECIAL

Oxfords Black and Brown, Low Rubber Heels

\$3.95

SHOES

10% Off

on all shoes during this sale

SPECIAL

Galoshes 4-Buckle

\$3.95

COATS

(In the Bargain Basement)

52 fur trimmed and plain Sport and Dress Coats at **\$9.90**